

Requirements to import pet food to Taiwan

Taiwan has prohibited the importation of pet food from the US- regardless of the species of origin of the materials. **[Pet foods containing no animal origin materials except for fish and dairy materials are exempt from this prohibition, and not covered by this document.]**

However, Taiwan has created a complex inspection procedure under which they will allow the importation from certain plants.

Pet food manufacturers must apply to the Taiwanese government for inspection and approval of their production facility.

For further information on the Taiwanese application and approval process, exporters should contact:

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APHIS is not involved in this approval process- other than the completion of a **Plant Certification for Manufacturers of Pet Food to be Exported to Taiwan**. Facilities should contact their local Veterinary Services Area Office for instructions on how to obtain this form.

APHIS is NOT involved in arranging for these inspections. Industry (PFI) has volunteered to coordinate applications for inspections through the representatives of the Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) in Taiwan.

Once Taiwan has approved a facility to produce pet food for export to Taiwan, and notified APHIS of this approval, and then the following certificate may be endorsed.

Shipments of pet food from Taiwanese approved facilities must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 with only the following information:

"This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The certified pet food was produced at the following manufacturer approved by BAPHIQ: [Insert manufacturing plant name and address.]

*The certified pet food was produced: [insert date or dates of production ***].*

*The certified pet food was derived from animals of the following species:
[Insert species of origin of pet food.]*

*Ruminant origin ingredients (except dairy) used in the pet food come from only the following BSE free countries: ~~[delete this statement if pet food does not contain ruminant origin ingredients imported from BSE free countries**]. Otherwise, list those countries here.]~~*

The animal protein ingredients (except dairy) were not derived from cattle, sheep, goat, or other animals susceptible to bovine spongiform encephalopathy from areas officially declared by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, as bovine spongiform encephalopathy infected areas. The exported product was not produced from any ruminant animals or ruminant products (prohibited by Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 94 and 95) imported from Canada after May 20, 2003.

There has been no commingling of any ingredients with any ruminant origin items (except dairy) from any BSE country at any time."

Materials from states that Taiwan considers to be affected by HPAI or END must also contain the following statement: "Pet food was heated to a minimum internal (core) temperature of at least 70 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes or more."

*** All countries listed must be only countries that have been recognized as free from BSE by the Council of Agriculture of Taiwan. These countries and ingredients must have been approved by Taiwan during the Taiwanese inspection of the manufacturing plant.*

***** Manufacture date must be after the date that Taiwan has officially approved the production facility.**